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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION<br/>(RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br/>provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application<br/>filed on or after June 8, 1995.<br/>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p> | <i>Application Number</i>     | 10/668,430      |
|  | <i>Filing Date</i>            | 9/22/2003       |
|  | <i>First Named Inventor</i>   | John F. Shanley |
|  | <i>Group Art Unit</i>         | 3734            |
|  | <i>Examiner Name</i>          | Diane D. Yabut  |
|  | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | CMI5007USNP1    |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments,  
to Deposit Account No. **10-0750**.
- i. ☒ RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

***SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED***

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| Name (print/type)   | Kristin Menon    | Registration No. | 56,869         |
| Signature   | /Kristin Menon/  | Date             | March 29, 2010 |
| <b><i>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION</i></b>  |                  |                  |                |
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via The Office Electronic Filing System in accordance with 37 CFR 1.6(a)(4). |                  |                  |                |
| Name (print/type)   | Sandy Crawford   |                  |                |
| Signature   | /Sandy Crawford/ | Date             | March 29, 2010 |